

NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.
INTERESTING FROM WASHINGTON.

SPEECH OF EX-SECRETARY CLAYTON
ON THE
CENTRAL AMERICAN QUESTION.

Exciting Debates in the House.
PROCEEDINGS IN THE N. Y. LEGISLATURE.

Important Bills Relative to New York Affairs.

Politics in New Jersey and Massachusetts,
&c., &c., &c.

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THE GADSDEN TREATY.—THE MISSISSIPPI SENATOR, Mr. GADSDEN, has been the subject of much discussion in the House of Representatives. He has been the subject of much discussion in the House of Representatives. He has been the subject of much discussion in the House of Representatives.

Notwithstanding the denial of Mr. Gadsden, by authority of the truth of our correspondence, it is stated that Gadsden had sent on a *pro forma* treaty, and the details of other papers, even the *Union*, is now convinced that Gadsden sent on the *pro forma* treaty at the time, and that, moreover, the President has been informed by Gadsden that he has assurances if the government in Washington will endorse the terms of the *pro forma* treaty it will at once ratify the approval of Santa Anna.

The Senate yesterday confirmed Thomas Ralston as Consul at Belizé; Wm. Crosby as Consul at Chile; Wm. F. Giles, District Judge of Maryland; Josiah L. Parrish, Indian Agent at Oregon.

At a meeting of the directors of the Magnetic Telegraph Company from Washington to New York, the usual dividend of three per cent was declared, payable at the office of the Treasurer in Philadelphia, on and after the 20th inst.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Cramp, the Russian and British Ministers, called on Mr. Marcy, at the State Department, to inquire if the recent articles in the *Union*, relative to their countries, were to be considered as official. Mr. Marcy jumped up in an indignant manner, exclaiming, "Damn the *Union*, I have nothing to do with the stupid nonsense; I'm no more your organ than the New York Herald." The Ministers said he had retired perfectly satisfied that Mr. Marcy's veracity was only equalled by his politeness.

Mr. P. K. Davenport has been ordered to the steamer Princeton. Lieut. James S. Smith, detained in the receiving ship at Philadelphia, is appointed as Light House Inspector, and Lieut. John C. Howell is sent to the receiving ship at Philadelphia. Passed Shipboardman Robert Clay Rogers has resigned.

Capt. A. Henry, son of Patrick Henry, died at Charlotte County, Va., on the 6th inst.

THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS.
FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12, 1854.
The Chief presented a communication from the Secretary of War, transmitting the report of the officers appointed to select a site for a western military station.

In the report of the officers on the site for a Western Military Station, Gen. Twiggs and Gen. Lawrence are in favor of Harrodsburg Springs, and Gen. Joseph is in favor of the same. If a branch is to be located in Ohio, he is in favor of North Bend; but if a more northern place is desired, he says Rock Island, Illinois, is the place. He does not consider York Springs suitable.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE.
Mr. BURTON, (dem.) of S. C., said that no quorum of the Judiciary Committee was in the city. He moved that as a judicial committee be appointed until the regular members appear. Agreed to.

THE NIAGARA CANNONRY TRUST COMPANY.
Mr. COOPER (whig) of Pa., presented the petition of the Niagara Transit Steam Company, signed by Charles Morgan, its President, asking for the passage of a law allowing steamers owned by that time to obtain registers in the name of the company. The owners are principally citizens of New York, but the company is chartered by the State of Niagara, and under the construction of a volume of laws, the owners cannot get American registers.

Mr. WELLES, (dem.) of Cal., gave notice of a bill to establish a coast and water mail line between the Atlantic and Pacific, by way of Nicaragua.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
Mr. CHASE, (dem.) of Ohio, presented a petition, signed by John Jay, a worthy graduate of the former Chief Justice of the United States, and John P. Hale, the late distinguished member of the Senate, praying for the abolition and prohibition of slavery in all the territories of the United States. He said he would not allow it to be introduced into the Senate, but he would move that it be on the table; but he gave notice that on an early day he would move that it and all other like petitions be taken up and referred to a select committee.

SENATE REPORTS ON SENATE VETERANS.
Mr. MALCOLM, (dem.) of Pa., introduced a bill to repeal the laws relating to the pension of veterans.

THE CLAYTON BILL.
Mr. FINE (whig) of N. Y., reported a bill for the relief of the estate of the late John Clayton.

SEVERAL REPORTS ON SENATE VETERANS.
Mr. BENT, (whig) of Ohio, offered a resolution, agreed to, calling for copies of the correspondence with the government of Chile relative to the imprisonment of American seamen at Valparaiso.

CHIEF JUSTICE IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.
The Committee on the Judiciary and the select Committee on the Pacific Railroad bill each called for a clerk.

URGENT TO ADDRESS THE SENATE.
Mr. RALSTON, (whig) of N. C., said that the Judiciary Committee would now proceed to consider the Vermont case, and to give them time, and for other reasons, he moved that the Senate adjourn till the 15th inst.

CENTRAL AMERICAN AFFAIRS.—THE CLAYTON-BELMONT TREATY, so far as the Clayton bill, commenced at ten, in reply to Mr. Chase.

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